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Woman in drug case released, man remains jailed

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WAKEFIELD — A New London woman was released on bail Wednesday as she awaits court proceedings on felony drug charges.

Indicating her client had no previous arrest record, attorney Melissa Larsen asked Fourth Division District Court Judge Patricia Moore to release 20-year-old Chiara Longo who had been held without bail since her arrest by Westerly police Sunday

Longo, whose mother sat weeping with her head on her husband's shoulder as her daughter in handcuffs faced the judge, is charged with manufacturing/possession or delivery of cocaine and conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance. She was arrested along with a man described as her boyfriend, Slone M Williams, also of New London, who faces the same charges.

Following a bench conference with the judge and assistant attorney general Siobhan Bogosian, Larsen explained Longo works as a certified nurse and is the mother of a 20-month-old child. She also said Longo turned herself in after learning of the arrest warrant and that she is not living with her boyfriend but with her mother and stepfather.

Larsen also claimed that facts will prove that Longo was allegedly delivering substances at her boyfriend's request. She said Longo would waive extradition from Connecticut and also her 4th amendment rights to search and seizure, meaning she can be stopped and searched without probable cause.

Bogosian sought a higher bail at \$15,000 or \$1,500 cash, but Longo was released on \$10,000 with surety, meaning cash bail was set at \$1,000. She is scheduled to return to court on April 25.

Williams' bail was set at \$25,000. It is not clear whether he was able post bail as of Thursday.

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